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The following is a listing of the changes made in the 1954 East German
import plan for basic chemicals because of reduced imports. All amounts
are in metric tons unless otherwise indicated.

Old Import Plan	New Import Plan	Change	Remarks
1. <u>Plan position 11 13 250; pyrites with 42% sulfur content.</u>			
220 (1,000 metric tons)	180 (1,000 metric tons)	40 (reduction) (1,000 metric tons)	Sulfur production will be carried out to the full extent of the plan, but the closing pyrites (Kies) inventory for the year will be correspond- ingly lower.
2. <u>Plan Position 61 18 200; phosphorus fertilizers in tons of P₂O₅.</u>			
65 (1,000 metric tons)	60 (1,000 metric tons)	5 (reduction) (1,000 metric tons)	The quota for agri- culture and forestry must be reduced accord- ingly. At the same time, it should be noted that an additional 60,000 metric tons of raw phosphates are not covered by contracts and thus an additional 20,000 tons of P ₂ O ₅ will be lost.
3. <u>Plan position 61 16 200; nickel sulfate.</u>			
300 tons	75	225 (reduction)	The production of galvanic salts

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			carried out to its full extent.
4. <u>Plan position 61 18 330; red lead.</u>			
1,500 tons	1,080 t	420 t (reduction)	The requirements of East Germany amount to more than 2,000 tons from imports.
5. <u>Plan position 61 19 400; titanic oxide.</u>			
1,000 tons	595 t	405 t (reduction)	Production of special welding electrodes from titanium and rutile in the th... are... carried out to limited extent. Artificial leather industry - export.
6. <u>Plan position 61 19 990; rare gases, such as argon, krypton, etc.</u>			
300 (1,000 rubles)	230 (1,000 rubles)	70 (1,000 rubles) (reduction)	Difficulties in electric light bulb production will be unavoidable.
7. <u>Plan position 61 19 990; sodium hydrosulfite.</u>			
600 tons	460 t	140 t (reduction)	Used in the textile industry as a bleaching agent in the dye industry as an... (Hilfsmittel).
8. <u>Plan position 61 19 990; sodium perborate.</u>			
700 tons	200 t	500 t	Production of Persil must be limited to a significant extent and the production of the new independent (selbststaendig) washing products, such as Pri and Rei, cannot be carried out.
9. <u>Plan position 61 21 700; glycerine.</u>			
600 tons (508) (production) (1,108) (total)	350 t (200) (production) (550) (total)	250 t (308) (reduction) (558) (reduction)	... brake fluid, cosmetic icles, as well as the pressure ling mill program, must be nited to a considerable extent. ... in part).

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10. <u>Plan position 61 23 600; shellac.</u>			
50 tons ^t	35 ^t	15 ^t (reduction)	Actual requirements amount to 200 tons, including 100 tons for insulator shellac and polish for the furniture industry, 60 tons for the electric industry for television and radio sets, 25 tons for shoe glue (Schuhkleber). There are also requirements in the optical industry for cement (Kitte), in the chemical office equipment industry for stamp pad ink, and in the chemical dental equipment industry for prostheses, as well as in the phonograph record industry, etc. All this production must be closed down to a large extent. Exports of electrical industry are imperiled.
11. <u>Plan position 61 24 670; celluloid.</u>			
150 tons ^t	110 ^t	140 ^t (reduction)	Requirements for the button industry are very large. Completion of the [redacted]
12. <u>Plan position 61 28 310; organic dyes for the textile and leather industries.</u>			
1,800 tons ^t	1,600 ^t	200 ^t (reduction)	As far as valuable Indanthren, vat dyes and Naphthols are concerned, there will be difficulties in the plants making equipment for the textile industry.
13. <u>Plan position 661 28 600; aniline oil.</u>			
2,100 tons ^t	1,830 ^t	270 ^t (reduction)	Advance production for 1955 is no longer ensured, so difficulties in the production of phenylbetanaphtylamin as a catalyst for Buna production and for Nigrosinbase (aniline black for shoe polish) are to be expected.
14. <u>Plan position 61 29 990; dye intermediate products.</u>			
6 (million rubles)	5 (million rubles)	1 (reduction) (million rubles)	Export of sulfur and azo-dyes by Farbenfabrik Wolfen is imperiled.

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15. <u>Plan position 61 29 990; fusel oil.</u>			
75 tons	7.5 t	67.5 t (reduction)	This product is used chiefly for determining the fat content of milk in the dairies. These tests must be limited to a very large extent and a depreciation in the quality of the milk is to be expected.
16. <u>Plan position 61 29 990; citric acid.</u>			
200 tons	150 t	50 t (reduction)	Limitation of production in the confectionery, lemonade, baked goods and pharmaceutical industries are to be expected.
17. <u>Plan position 61 35 200; vegetable tanning substances.</u>			
7,500 tons	6,800 t	700 t (reduction)	Certain reductions in the quality of leather manufacturing are to be expected.
18. <u>Plan position 61 41 100; raw linseed oil and linseed oil for varnish.</u>			
8,000 tons	6,500 t	1,500 t (reduction)	Contracts for the planned amount were drawn up for only a small portion of the total. Difficulties in the production of outside coat varnish and varnish for export (including construction)
19. <u>Plan position 61 41 200; technical animal fats and oils.</u>			
600 tons	150 t	450 t (reduction)	Production of luxury soaps of the best quality must be halted.
20. <u>Plan position 61 41 300; sperm oil.</u>			
4,300 tons	3,150 t	1,150 t (reduction)	Production of valuable washing products with a non-alcoholic base, such as Fewa, Dixin, etc., must be significantly reduced.
21. <u>Plan position 61 43 510; photographic gelatine.</u>			
350 tons	320 t	30 t (reduction)	Since the import of gelatine bones has also been reduced by 500 tons, a depreciation in quality of film for export and domestic use is to be expected. At the same time, the production plan for

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28. Plan position 09 67 200; gelatine bones.

1,000 ~~tons~~

500 ~~t~~

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The amount of 500 tons of gelatine bones was paid for in the 4th quarter of 1953 and was delivered in the first part of January 1954, so DIA-Chemie does not wish to undertake any more deliveries. The elimination of 1,000 tons of imported gelatine bones in 1954 means that

at of edible gelatine will be limited. Import is necessary for reasons of quality, i.e., bones reached in the tropics must be in-

29. Plan position 61 24 211; PVC powder.

10,000 ~~tons~~

12,000 ~~t~~

2,000 ~~t~~
(increase)

ried out only at the expense East German quotas, since an crease of production of the na Werk is impossible. Poly-nylchloride capacity will be mpletely used up. Reduction production of mass consumer ds in PVC finished

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